

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 222
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 22, 2013; January 29, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;
 1-4 March 13, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the venue for prosecution of certain computer crimes.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Article 13.25, Code of Criminal
 1-20 Procedure, is amended to read as follows:
 1-21 (b) An offense under Chapter 33, Penal Code, may be
 1-22 prosecuted in:
 1-23 (1) the county of the principal place of business of
 1-24 the owner or lessee of a computer, computer network, or computer
 1-25 system involved in the offense;
 1-26 (2) any county in which a defendant had control or
 1-27 possession of:
 1-28 (A) any proceeds of the offense; or
 1-29 (B) any books, records, documents, property,
 1-30 negotiable instruments, computer programs, or other material used
 1-31 in furtherance of the offense; [~~or~~]
 1-32 (3) any county from which, to which, or through which
 1-33 access to a computer, computer network, computer program, or
 1-34 computer system was made in violation of Chapter 33, whether by
 1-35 wires, electromagnetic waves, microwaves, or any other means of
 1-36 communication; or
 1-37 (4) any county in which an individual who is a victim
 1-38 of the offense resides.
 1-39 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a criminal case in which
 1-40 the indictment, information, or complaint is presented to the court
 1-41 on or after the effective date of this Act. A criminal case in which
 1-42 the indictment, information, or complaint was presented to the
 1-43 court before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
 1-44 in effect when the indictment, information, or complaint was
 1-45 presented, and the former law is continued in effect for that
 1-46 purpose.
 1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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